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Applicant:

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Title:

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ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Final Office Action dated January 2, 2004, and in the Advisory Action dated May 7, 2004, finally rejecting Claims 9, 11-14, 16-18.

- [] Applicant claims small entity status.
- [X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:
- [X] Notice of Appeal Fee

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